

**MINUTES
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 26, 2011**

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Clark on January 26, 2011, at 8:30 A.M. at the Courtyard Marriott Cal Expo, 1782 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Lenora S. Clark; Douglas W. Metz; Robert A. Petersen; H.P. "Sandy" Purdon, and Matthew Webb

Dept. of Boating and Waterways

Personnel Present: Lucia C. Becerra, Acting Director; Penny Schulz, Staff Counsel; Steve Watanabe, Division Chief; Sylvia Hunter, SSM II; and Margarita Sanchez, Administrative Assistant

CONVENE AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *It was moved by Commissioner Purdon and seconded by Commissioner Metz that the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes of December 1, 2010, meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairwoman Clark welcomed and introduced new Commissioner Robert Petersen to the Boating and Waterways Commission. She noted that former Commissioners Moore and Huffman are no longer on the Commission due to not receiving Senate confirmation within the year of being appointed by the Governor and she hopes they apply with the new Administration. Chairwoman Clark remarked, as chairwoman, she will address the many issues before the boating community, such as, Ethanol (E15); life jacket wear; marinas and the Clean Water Act; boating needs throughout the State; loan and grant funds availability, and abandoned vessels. She stated the need to have the meetings at various locations throughout California so that they can be accessible to everyone. Chairwoman Clark said she will look forward to working with the Commission, Department staff, and stakeholders to meet the challenges ahead and to ensure the implementation of the Department of Finance's recommendations and suggestions with regards to the Loan Portfolio. She encouraged everyone to attend the Commission Workshops where stakeholders can participate in the formulation of processes and procedures being developed to better manage the Department's Loan Portfolio.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Becerra welcomed Commissioner Petersen and noted the Governor's appointment of John Laird to the Natural Resources Agency. Ms. Becerra stated the Brown Administration will continue with some of the restrictions that the former Governor had put in place including restricting travel and spending. She noted that the Wear it Campaign in the Delta has completed the fourth year and next year will be the last year of the campaign; lifejacket wear it rate in 2009 was 15% last year and in 2010 it was 12.4% this year. Ms. Becerra said including Southern California in the Wear it Campaign is not feasible, but plans to include Southern California in more events, such as, the life jacket trade in campaign will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

Ms. Becerra reported the Department's proposed budget for FY 11/12 is \$69 million with an increase of \$1.9 million for public loans.

Ms. Becerra presented Commissioner Purdon with a plaque for his dedicated service on the Commission. Commissioner Purdon's term ended January 15, 2011, but he is allowed to remain on the Commission until March 15.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Becerra indicated there were no active bills relating to boating and she briefly reported on SB 14 (Wolk) State Budget, SB 15 (DeSaulnier) State Budget, and SCA 1 (Wyland) State Auditor. Copies of the Legislative Report were made available to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC GRANTS

Ms. Hunter presented to the Commission for its advice and consent the following request for public grants.

Tisdale Boat Launching Facility

Sutter County has requested a Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant of \$100,000 to make improvements to the Tisdale Boat Launching Facility. Improvements will consist of one 8-foot wide by 60-foot long cable-guided boarding float system comprised of three 20-foot long boarding floats. The estimated completion date for the project is no later than June 2011.

Staff recommends that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve a \$100,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant to Sutter County for improvements to the Tisdale Boat Launching Facility.

Neal Hay, Senior Civil Engineer, Sutter County, was available to answer questions from the Commission.

A question was raised why the cable-guided boarding float system was not included in previous grants. Mr. Hay informed the commission that he was not sure why the system with the piles was not discussed at the time the grants were submitted.

Commissioner Metz stated he visited the site in 2008 and noticed the changes in the water levels in the area. He said no mention was made of piles at the time of his visit. He recommended approval.

MOTION: *It was moved by Commissioner Metz and seconded by Commissioner Purdon that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the Department of Boating and Waterways Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant of \$100,000 to Sutter County for improvements to the Tisdale Boat Launching Facility. Improvements consist of one 8-foot wide by 60-foot long cable-guided boarding float system comprised of three 20-foot long boarding floats and estimated completion date for the project is no later than June 2011. The motion carried unanimously.*

Lake Mendocino Boat Launching Facility

The United States Army Corps of Engineers has requested a Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant of \$200,000 to make improvements to the Lake Mendocino Boat Launching Facility. Improvements will consist of replacement of boarding floats at the North and South Ramps with new 8-foot wide by minimum 80-foot long cable guided boarding floats. Estimated completion date for this project is no later than June 2011.

Staff recommends that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve a \$200,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant to the United States Corps of Engineers for improvements to the Lake Mendocino Boat Launching Facility.

Valerie Mavis, Supervisory Park Ranger, Lake Mendocino, was available to answer questions from the Commission. Ms. Mavis indicated the boarding floats were purchased before 1994 and have been repaired several times, but with fluctuation of the river new floats are needed. Mr. Watanabe indicated the 20 feet of existing boarding float is too short for the amount of activity the lake has. He added that the materials used to build the float years ago are no longer used for construction of floats.

After discussion a motion was made.

MOTION: *It was moved by Commissioner Purdon and seconded by Commissioner Webb that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the Department of Boating and Waterways Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant of \$200,000 to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for improvements to the Lake Mendocino Boat Launching Facility. Improvements will consist of replacement of boarding floats at the North and South Ramps with new 8-foot wide by minimum 80-foot long cable guided boarding floats and estimated completion date for this project is no later than June 2011. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Watanabe presented to the Commission for its advice and consent the following request for a public grant.

Shelter Island Boat Launching Facility

The San Diego Unified Port District has requested the Department of Boating and Waterways to approve a project scope change to the Shelter Island Boat Launching Facility Ramp. The change of scope will consist of:

1. Enlarging the boat ramp basin by replacing the existing rubble mount breakwater with a new sheetpile breakwater.
2. Using funds in the existing \$1,675,000 Department of Boating and Waterways grant towards designing the breakwater, larger basin, and boat ramp.
3. Allowing the Department of Boating and Waterways to give the grantee permission to begin obtaining all of the required permits from regulatory agencies for the proposed projects as submitted herein.

Ms. Becerra noted that there is no State commitment for any future funding for this project and any requests for future funding must be considered in the Department's annual application process and be included in the State's annual budget process.

Armando Mora, Capital Projects Manager, San Diego Unified Port District, was available to answer questions from the Commission.

Mr. Watanabe noted that from an engineering and construction point of view it will be a cost savings to do both the boat ramp replacement and the breakwater replacement at the same time. Concerns were raised on the project including future funding for completion, permit and scoping costs, and phases of the project.

Staff recommends approval of the project scope change to the Shelter Island Boat Launching Facility.

Commissioner Purdon recused himself from voting on this agenda item. After discussion a motion was made.

MOTION: *It was moved by Commissioner Metz and seconded by Commissioner Webb that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the San Diego Unified Port District's request for a project scope change to the Shelter Island Boat Launching Facility Ramp and that they use the preapproved grant of \$1,675,000 towards designing the breakwater, larger basin, and boat ramp. The motion carried unanimously.*

Chairwoman Clark noted to staff that the feasibility reports should be more thorough and detailed as they were done in the past. Ms. Becerra responded Department staff will go over what was discussed today and will bring back to the Commission any additional issues, clarification or comments that are appropriate.

Chairwoman Clark called for a break at 10:17 A.M.; meeting resumed at 10:35 A.M.

Chairwoman Clark asked that Department staff respond to questions asked by the Commission on the Shelter Island project and would like a follow up at another Commission meeting. She would like the Port to have the person in charge of the financial situation of the project to attend the Commission meeting and be prepared to inform the Commission on some alternatives for future funding.

Chairwoman wanted to make it clear to the public that the Commission is working on the premise that the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund is and will be available for future funding for loans, grants and repairs to marinas, etc. She indicated the Commission is looking at approving projects that are stand alone, shovel ready and with the permitting and scoping process already done before they are presented to the Commission for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Dana Point Marina Update

Ms. Becerra gave the Commission an update on Dana Point Marina. She said the Coastal Commission has approved Dana Point's permits with modifications, so Dana Point can now begin to draw down some funds.

Long Beach Marina Update

Ms. Becerra indicated the Coastal Commission has approved the City of Long Beach's permit request with modifications and Long Beach can now move forward with their project. Long Beach has until the end of May 2011 to provide evidence of available funding for Basins 2 and 3. She said the Department is working with the City of Long Beach on funding of Basin 1 and will bring the proposed project before the Commission soon.

Mark Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches, City of Long Beach, indicated he will have the last permit from the Coastal Commission within a few weeks and construction will begin

around April 1, 2011. Mr. Sandoval hopes to work with Department staff to include Basin 4 on the next Commission agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Update

There was no budget update.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2011 Meeting Schedule

The tentative Boating and Waterways Commission Meeting Schedule for 2011 will be March 1-2; April 26-27; August 23-24, and October 25-26. The meeting venue will be determined at a later date.

Election of Vice Chairman for 2011

MOTION: *It was moved by Commissioner Purdon and seconded by Commissioner Webb that Commissioner Metz be the Vice Chair for 2011. The motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURN

Chairwoman Clark adjourned the meeting at 11:04 A.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lucia C. Becerra", is written over a horizontal line.

Lucia C. Becerra, Acting Secretary